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**Serial No:** 09/867830  
**English Title:** Arrangement for Taking Up Liquid Analytes  
**Attorney Docket No:** 32226.5

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment; and
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Re: U.S. Patent Application 09/867830 ) PATENT  
German Title: Anordnung zur Aufnahme flüssiger )  
Analyten )  
English Translation: Arrangement for Taking Up )  
Liquid Analytes )  
Applicant: Infineon Technologies, AG ) Attorney Docket No. 32226.5  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the above-entitled patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

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- 1 1. [(amended)] Apparatus for taking up liquid analytes, having a microtitre plate with  
2 a plurality of wells for taking up an analyte, a plurality of pipettes, by which an analyte can be  
3 withdrawn from an associated well, at least one pump, which is coupled to several pipettes in  
4 such a way that an analyte can in each case be sucked through an associated pipette by means of  
5 the pump, and analytes can be simultaneously sucked out of several wells or introduced into  
6 several wells by actuating the pump, having analysis chips for analysing the analyte, one analysis  
7 chip being in each case assigned to a well in order to analyse an analyte introduced into the  
8 respective well, and in which the surface of at least a part of the analysis chips, which surface  
9 comes into contact with the analyte, is designed in such a way that biological material for  
10 binding molecules contained in the analyte can be fixed on the surface.